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16. An equipment support stand as claimed in claim 1, being adapted to be coupled back to back with another stand to provide for double storage capacity.

17. An equipment support stand as claimed in claim 1 being adapted to be coupled back to back to provide access from at least two sides.

18. An equipment support stand as claimed in claim 1, including one or more pegs projecting upwardly at an inclined angle to the horizontal, said pegs adapted to support annular items or items having holes or bores there through.

The amended claims are reproduced at the end of this response.

REMARKS

Claims 6 through 13 were objected to as being in improper form because of multiple dependent claims. A preliminary amendment filed with the U.S. application eliminated the multiple dependent claims. A copy of the amendment is attached.

Applicant notes with appreciate the indication of the allowance of Claim 4, and Claim 10 if rewritten in independent form. Claim 10 has been incorporated into Claim 1, so the allowance and passage to issue of Claims 1, 4 through 9, 11 and 13 through 18 are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if discussing this amendment would appear desirable.

Respectfully submitted,

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